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Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2022
3:00 PM
Weed District Office

Approved

Present: Allen Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Norman Moss
Kerry Kovanda
Dana Weatherford

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman, Allen Nordahl.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): 5-10-2023 Meeting Minutes

Bob Kirch moved to approve the meeting minutes for the April 20, 2022 meeting as read. Norm Moss second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Updating the subdivision weed management plan:

Dana Weatherford acquired newly approved subdivision plans from Beaverhead County to implement into rewriting the Weed District's current plan in place. The current plan and the rates for inspection need to be revised. Dana Weatherford will work on that and will provide updates to the Weed Board.

2022-2023 FY Budget Discussion/Approval:

Dana Weatherford gave an update on the "new building" status. No bill has been received; however, no intercap loan will need to be taken out due to coming within budget of the capital improvement fund. Items to be purchased are a new table, chemical, and professional detailing for the spray trucks. Options are being explored to purchase a new truck in FY 23-24.

New Business:

Approve 2023-2024 Weed Management Plan:

Norm Moss moved to approve the 2023-2024 Weed Management Plan as read. Kerry Kovanda second. Dana Weatherford will send the plan to the BOCC for signatures and then to the Montana Department of Agriculture.

Approve NWTF cost share grant area for 2023:

The proposed area is south of Hwy 419 from Fishtail to Dean including landowners on the Fiddler Creek, West Fiddler Creek, and West Rosebud. Landowners with 100 acres or more will be invited to participate in the



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cost-share program as there is already an existing small acreage program with the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council. Bob Kirch moved to approve the new grant area for cost share in 2023 through the Noxious Weed Trust Fund. Kerry Kovanda second. Dana Weatherford will reach out to the landowners in the area and will start composing the grant. Applications are due January 6, 2023.

2022 spray season update:

Dana Weatherford gave a brief update on the 2022 spray season. Significant flooding occurred in the southern part of county. The Weed District was short one staff member; however, no ventenata identified in the northern part of the county. Bills are currently being sent out as the fall season ran late into October.

Plans for 2023 season:

The proposed plan for the 2023 is to start in the southern part of county early and actively monitor the flooded areas for new weed infestations. Dana Weatherford would like to explore options for a part-time admin for the summer.

Coordinator Report:

Dana Weatherford reported on items that need to be completed during the winter months. Tasks to be completed included: new cost-share grant, standard operating procedures, MATE show education, South Central Area representative, NWTF council representative, new budget, annual conference, and finish billing.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned:

Bob Kirch moved to adjourn the meeting. Kerry Kovanda second. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Addition to the Minutes: Upon completion of the “new” Weed District facilities and receiving a bill from the Stillwater County Planning office. On January 17, 2023, chairman, Allen Nordahl called for vote to approve claim #84909A for the amount of \$92027.00. Kerry Kovanda moved to “accept claim 84909A in the amount of \$92027.00” Bob Kirch second. Motion carried. Dana Weatherford will submit the claim to the finance office and the BOCC to be paid.